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1. Church World Service

Special, 1974

I. Introduction

Founded in 1946, the Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations in the United States of America. During the reporting period, its annual budget was $70 million. The organization has regional programme offices in Nairobi, Bangkok, Buenos Aires and Belgrade, and maintains country programme offices in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Pakistan and Viet Nam.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works with various church bodies, faith groups, NGOs, community-based organizations and local communities, as well as with the Government of the United States, to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice.

B. Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization established a new internal departmental structure.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

In 2008, the organization was involved in a panel discussion, co-sponsored by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), on gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of HIV and AIDS, as a side event at the 2008 High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on AIDS, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization attended annual meetings in Geneva with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on resettlement and on NGOs. It is also a member of several working groups of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, that deal with matters related to the work of such bodies as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The organization works with the inter-agency steering committee on NGOs and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization constructed sand dams in arid regions of western Kenya that provide water for drinking and irrigation to improve hygiene, sanitation, nutrition and crop yield.

Goal 2. The organization's "School safe zones" programme in Kenya provides safe and attractive community institutions to improve education and retention in schools.

Goal 4. The organization focuses its strategy on hunger, malnutrition and long-term child development needs. Its programme in Cambodia aims at improving child and maternal nutrition and health and helping communities sustain those improvements. The organization also works with the World Food Programme to provide food supplements for pregnant women, children aged 6 to 24 months and their mothers.

2. Ecopeace-Middle East Environmental NGO Forum

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Ecopeace-Middle East Environmental NGO Forum brings together Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli environmentalists, and has offices in all three countries. Its aim is to protect its members' shared environmental heritage and advance sustainable regional development and the creation of the necessary conditions for lasting peace.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is a project-oriented NGO that adopts an advocacy approach to address issues such as the environment and peacebuilding. Using local researchers to ascertain the root causes of problems, it develops a common vision to influence decision makers, the media and the general public.

B. Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization established a number of new affiliations.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization attended the Climate Change Conferences in 2007 and 2008 and the Climate Change Summit, held in Copenhagen in December 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked with UNEP within the framework of publications concerning Gaza.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization carried out tours, activities and awareness-raising campaigns on sustainable water management and issued several publications on water, pollution and natural resources. The organization held workshops and conferences on climate change and sustainable development, and received several awards in recognition of its work. It also raised money for grey water/rainwater collection systems in schools and municipal buildings, to provide drinking water otherwise not available, and set up a project to create wastewater treatment plants in Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian communities.

3. Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya is a non-profit and non-partisan NGO that aims to create a society free from discrimination against women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to ensure that women are free from all forms of injustice based on gender, class, ethnic origin, physical disability or religious belief. The organization has received several awards for its work, which includes the provision of family mediation services and legal aid to indigent women.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization published and disseminated brochures presenting the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee against Torture and the agreed conclusions of the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women. It also participated in activities in support of global principles such as International Women's Day, Human Rights Day, World Population Day, the Day of the African Child and World AIDS Day.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participated in the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2006, at which it presented a shadow statement on the theme of enhanced participation of women in development.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization received support from the United Nations Development Programme for its projects on women's advocacy and women's participation. It also received support from the United Nations Population Fund for its gender sensitization activities.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 2. The organization carried out campaigns against sexual violence in schools, and provided training to teachers and education officers on gender, human rights and gender-based violence in schools.

Goal 3. The organization lobbied parliamentarians to pass legislation on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

4. Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center works to enhance women's human rights and to foster gender justice in policies and processes on development and human rights. It is an active member of the Peruvian chapter of the Latin American Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to combat the structural causes that limit women's rights as citizens and/or their ability to exercise those rights. Its aim is to expand women's citizenship and develop policies and processes characterized by gender equity and justice.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in briefings on violence against women and the events in 2009 in Bagua Province, Peru, during the visit to the Amazon region of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization attended events held in parallel with the Third High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, held in Accra in 2008, including the International Women's Forum, co-sponsored by the United Nations Development Fund for Women. It also participated in a conference organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Quito in 2007, and a meeting of women networks as part of the 15-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization produced shadow reports in 2007 and 2009 on the advancement of the Goals.

5. Guild of Service

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Guild of Service is a charitable society dedicated to the empowerment of women and children, aimed at helping them make informed choices and take control of their lives.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization provides preventive, protective and development services to rehabilitate marginalized sections of society. It works to empower women and ensure the fulfilment of human rights, irrespective of class, caste, gender or race. The aim of the organization is the achievement of global peace, communal harmony and national unity through mutual respect for cultural, political and social values.

B. Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization changed its name from the Guild of Service to the Guild for Service, to underscore the wide spectrum of projects it undertakes to empower marginalized women.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization received support from UNIFEM to conduct a survey on widows in Vrindavan, India, and disseminate its findings. It held workshops in 2006 on the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and

encouraged other NGOs to work on the developmental issues supported by the Committee. The organization also received support from UNIFEM to hold an international seminar on widows, which led to a panel discussion on this theme at a session of the Committee on the Status of Women.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participates in meetings of the Committee on the Status of Women and review meetings on the Beijing Platform for Action.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with UNIFEM on its advocacy work on women's issues. It also worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations information centres, and is a member of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations. The organization also participated in the UNIFEM campaign to end violence against women.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization offers training and education in homes and shelters for destitute women in Vrindavan, and for women and children affected by conflict in Indian-administered Kashmir.

Goal 3. The organization is involved in workshops, seminars, publications and lectures for the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill in India, and conducts awareness classes to provide women with access to legal resources.

6. Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

The Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue is an independent foundation based in Geneva. It has regional offices in Nairobi and Singapore, and a presence in New York.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The overall goal of the organization is to help improve the global response to armed conflict by mediating between warring parties and providing support to the broader mediation community.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization sits on the steering committee of a study led by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on the engagement of non-state actors to prevent sexual violence. It was also involved in the United Nations initiative against sexual violence in conflict, and facilitated a colloquium on the subject, held in New York in June 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization supported the implementation of the Protocol on the Resolution of the Conflict in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile States, in the Sudan, and it continues to advise the parties to the conflict in collaboration with the United Nations Mission in the Sudan. It provided support and advice on power-sharing and the legal aspects of mediation to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and the United Nations Political Office for Somalia. Representatives of the organization also worked with the African Union-United Nations Joint Mediation Support Team to support the Darfur peace talks.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 3. During the reporting period, the organization was involved in several events for the prevention of sexual violence. It also organized a round-table discussion with high-level conflict mediators, to provide technical guidance for the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1820 (2008) (S/2009/362).

Goal 8. The organization was involved in seminars, workshops and exercises for mediators and envoys, to support the mediation mandate of the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States.

7. Hope for the Nations

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

Hope for the Nations, an NGO based in British Columbia, Canada, focuses on helping children at risk around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to provide children with the basic necessities of love, health care, education, a healthy community and self-sufficiency. It works in over 20 nations around the world, in partnerships with individuals and organizations.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization is the coordinating NGO in Canada for the United Nations NGO Informal Regional Network. The organization was represented at the 2006 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva, and at the first meeting of the Canadian NGO Informal Regional Network, held in Paris.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributes to an annual event focused on the Goals, aimed at allowing organizations and the community to become more aware of local NGOs and what they do. It is an opportunity to build networks with people working internationally and locally, who are also working towards achieving the Goals.

8. New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Founded in 1963, the New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties is a non-party and non-sectarian organization that works at the state and federal level to protect and promote the human rights of all Australians.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to maintain and protect the rights and liberties of persons living in Australia and its territories against infringement of rights or abuse of powers. It also works to recover and enlarge those rights and liberties by vigilance, publicity, legal action and advice, protest, assistance to individuals and other appropriate means.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization promotes and defends human rights in Australia, and has lobbied to ensure that human rights relating to torture, censorship, citizenship and law are

observed in legislation and policy. It has also defended principles such as freedom of expression and privacy.

Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization submitted shadow reports to the Human Rights Committee and the Committee against Torture. It was also represented at the thirty-ninth session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva in 2007, and at the ninety-fifth session of the Human Rights Committee, held in New York in 2009.

9. People's Decade of Human Rights Education

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

People's Decade for Human Rights Education is an independent, international organization with a presence in Africa, Western and Eastern Europe, North and South America and South Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization and its affiliates around the world raise awareness about human rights among people and communities at all levels of society.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, facilitates discussions and meetings on a range of human rights issues. The organization participated in exhibitions and discussions held in Geneva and New York on the Millennium Development Goals and human rights. It also participated in the World Urban Forum of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), held in Nanjing, China, in 2008.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization worked with the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the right to education, supporting his presentation on education and arranging for him to address various audiences. It also published and disseminated a manual on

human rights and a manual on freedom of religion. The organization held numerous side events on human rights at meetings of United Nations agencies.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has worked with UN-Habitat and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. It worked with the Permanent Missions of Benin and Switzerland on presentations to the Third Committee of the General Assembly, and held side events with the Special Rapporteur on the right to education. The organization has also engaged in human rights discussions with the United Nations Children's Fund, UNDP and the United Nations Alliance of Civilization.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization held several side events and published articles on the Goals, addressing, in particular, rights aspects of the Goals.

10. Womankind Worldwide

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Womankind Worldwide is an international women's human rights and development charity based in London. It works to transform women's lives around the world, in partnership with 33 women's rights organizations in 13 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is committed to the implementation of international standards, particularly the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform for Action. Its aim is a world where women are equal, secure, respected and proud. The organization works with women's organizations around the world to combat violence against women and support women's rights and their active role in society.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, the organization implemented a new organizational strategy to mobilize political will and resources for women's rights and development. During the reporting period, it also withdrew from programmes in India and Nicaragua and developed a new programme of work in Nepal.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provided advice and support for the creation of a new gender equality architecture at the United Nations, for which it was the focal point in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization facilitated the participation of its partner organizations in the Commission on the Status of Women.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2006, the organization provided input to the Secretary-General's in-depth study on all forms of violence against women, and worked with UNIFEM to produce a submission to the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on System-wide Coherence. In 2007, the organization participated in a round-table discussion by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on violence against women in schools.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization works to reduce poverty and hunger by supporting and funding women's organizations around the world.

Goal 3. The organization works to promote gender equality and women's empowerment, with a particular focus on ending violence against women and increasing women's civil and political participation and resources.

Goals 4 and **5**. The organization's partners provide a number of services, including health care to mothers and children, access to safe contraception and reproductive health advice.

Goal 6. The organization's partners provide information, support and advice on HIV and AIDS, as well as testing, home-based care and nutrition.

Goal 7. The organization's partner in Ethiopia is involved in reforestation and provides seedlings for farmers and local communities.